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send a report of the proof of the marriage that took place to the Registrar of Marriages. The question is whether in respect of other customary marriages where there is no such register, any compulsory registration should be imposed."

Opening of additional District Munsifs' Courts in North Arcot.

* 7 Q.—Dr. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) whether any additional District Munsifs' Courts are opened once in two years at Tiruppattur and whether any suits are transferred from Tiruppattur to Vellore on account of large pendency at Tiruppattur; and

(b) whether the Government have any proposal to open a permanent District Munsif's Court either at Ambur or at Gudiyatham to relieve the congestion?

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (a) An Additional District Munsif was appointed to the District Munsif's Court, Tiruppattur, during the years 1943–44, 1948–49 and 1953 to relieve congestion.

In December 1951, 58 old suits relating to the Gudiyatham taluk and the Ambur firka, which are nearer to Vellore, were transferred from the District Munsif's Court at Tiruppattur, to the District Munsif's Court at Vellore, in view of the large pendency and the need for immediate relief. Of the 58 old suits referred to, 13 suits were later re-transferred to the District Munsif's Court, Tiruppattur.

" (b) There is no proposal to open any District Munsif's Court either at Ambur or at Gudiyatham."

Dr. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware of the fact that there was no presiding Judge on duty at Vellore immediately after the re-opening of the Court after the summer recess for over fifteen days, thereby causing great inconvenience to the clients? "

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" A separate question may be put."

Repairs to Kondangi lake in Cuddalore.

* 8 Q.—Sri M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received any mahazar from the ryots of Cuddalore, South Arcot district, in the month of June 1952 to repair Kondangi lake in Cuddalore and to dig a new canal from Arisiperiangkuppam to Kondangi lake; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Yes.